Weekend Weather

Today: Partly cloudy – high

90, low 79

Saturday: Evening showers

- high 82, low 75

Sunday: Evening showers –

high 84, low 73



Dress and appearance

Eyeglasses and sunglasses will be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses, conservative, and clear. Slightly tinted, or photosensitive lenses may be worn; however, faddish styles and mirrored lenses are prohibited. Sunglasses are not to be worn in formation or around the neck.



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AF announces fiscal 2002 force structure changes

Air Force officials have announced proposed changes in the force structure affecting the total force—active duty, Guard and Reserve—to include the locations of people, aircraft and organizations across the United States.

This announcement addresses fiscal 2002 force structure, realignment and management actions resulting from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency and both congressional and presidential directives.

Before making final decisions concerning the major movement of forces, the Air Force will conduct appropriate environmental analyses and ensure compliance with Clean Air Act provisions.

For detailed information on bases that will be affected, visit the Air Force website at www.af.mil.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

Open for business

Senior Airman Shaun Klinefelte (left), 8th Supply Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Paul Tuggle, 8th Transportation Squadron, come early to find a seat at the opening of the Tuesday night showing of A.I. – Artificial Intelligence. The newly renovated 350-seat base theater had its ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday. Admission and popcorn were free for the event.

DOD expects to deliver base closure legislation soon

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

The Department of Defense expects to have legislation authorizing more rounds of U.S. base closures to Congress before their August recess, DOD officials said. Congress leaves Aug. 4 and reconvenes after Labor Day.

The legislation will be based on past laws governing the process, Pentagon

spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said during a July 26 news conference. However, there will be changes.

"I think you will not see a complete replacement of the existing legislation," Quigley said. "But by the same token, we are looking to ensure that the existing legislation is best-suited to align infrastructure with the force structure as we best see it."

Under existing Base Realignment and

Closure laws, a commission chooses the installations that will be closed or realigned. The president can accept or reject the entire list. Congress then must accept the list or reject it.

Quigley said there is no question that DOD has more infrastructure —up to 25 percent more, according to some figures—than it needs to support current force structure.

"(Infrastructure) needs to be no more,

no less than you need to support that force structure," he said.

Former Defense Secretary William Cohen tried to get Congress to agree to additional rounds of base closures, but was unsuccessful.

The last round of base closures was in 1995. DOD officials forecast that the three rounds of closures since 1988 would generate \$25 billion in savings through fiscal 2003.